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IZVESTIYA ON SEPTEMBER 20 AND PRAVDA ON SEPTEMBER 21 CARRY A 500-WORD TASS ITEM SUMMARIZING THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. NO COMMENTARY HAS YET APPEARED IN THE SOVIET PRESS ON THE STATEMENT, AND IT WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE PRAVDA WEEKLY REVIEW ON SEPTEMBER 22. THE SUMMARY EMPHASIZES - IN ABSTRACT - THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON THE MUTUALITY OF BENEFITS FROM DETENTE; NOTES HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE BROAD BASE OF SUPPORT FOR DETENTE POLICY IN THE U.S.;

AND REPEATS HIS COMMENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF DETENTE FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD. IT STATES THAT HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADE FOR A FURTHER NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS, AND POINTS OUT THAT ACCRDING THE USSR MFN IS GRANTING IT NO PRIVILEGE. IT PARAPHRASES THE SECRETARY AS STATING THAT SALT HAS REDUCED THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR, AND HAS "LAID THE BASIS FOR CURRENT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE BROADER AGREEMENTS." "POINTING OUT THE COMPLEXITY OF NEGOTIATIONS IN THIS AREA," THE SUMMARY CONTINUES, THE SCRETARY TERMED "A FUTHER REDUCTION OF ARMS" A "REALISTIC GOAL." THE SUMMARY MAKES NO MENTION OF THOSE PORTIONS OF THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN WHICH HE COMMENTED ON SOVIET PERFORMANCE IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY FIELDS, NOR DOES IT REPEAT HIS COMMENTS ON U.S. ABILITY TO INFLUENCE SOVIET PERFORMANCE IN THESE AREAS.

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